

Highly driven statistician with 8 years of experience in data analysis. **Areas of interest:** functional data analysis, image processing, text mining, recommender system. **Professional Skills:** R (mainly), Python(mainly), SAS (basic), MATLAB(basic), SQL(basic), ~~LaTeX~~ **LaTeX**, Statistics. **Frameworks/Libraries:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, NumPy, pandas, transformers

## EDUCATION

**PhD Candidate, Statistics**, University of Rochester, Department of Biostatistics and Computational Biology, US  
*Thesis: Image Processing with Optimally Designed Parabolic Partial Differential Equations* **2019 — 2024 (Expected)**

**Master of Science, Applied Statistics**, Rochester Institute of Technology, US  
*Thesis: Statistical Aspects of Music Mining – Native Dictionary Representation* **2016 — 2018**

**Bachelor of Economics, Finance**, Donghua University, China  
*Thesis: Impact of Index Futures On Stock Market Volatility - Based On GARCH Model* **2012 — 2016**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Data Scientist Intern [Python, SQL]** **Jun 2022 — Aug 2022**  
Liberty Mutual Insurance MA, US

- SuretyOpsNLP 0.1 Project: Predicting the profitability of construction projects via NLP & ML models
- NLP captures hidden signals of job profitability & contributes to benchmark model improvement and robustness

**Research Intern [R, LaTeX]** **Jun 2019 — Aug 2020**  
Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) IL, US

- Project 1: Statistical wind conditions assessment across inland and off-shore US under future climate scenarios [\[paper published\]](#)
- Project 2: Estimate directional wind speed quantiles and quantify the uncertainty from internal variability & parameter sensitivity

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Student Statistical Consulting & Data Analysis for Clinical Projects [R, RMarkdown]** **Jun 2021 — Present**  
University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) NY, US

- ECHO Projects: Immune Analysis; Growth Data Analysis; Infection Analysis; Cortisol Analysis [\[paper1\]](#) [\[paper2\]](#)
- Employ linear mixed effect models, multivariate analysis, PCA, CCA to draw conclusions from clinical data and recommend actions

**Visiting Graduate Research Fellow [R, LaTeX]** **May 2018 — June 2019**  
Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI) & Duke University NC, US

- Project 1: Use text mining & optimization algorithm to significantly reduce overlapping in the conference schedule [\[paper published\]](#)
- Project 2: Use topic modeling to design movie recommender system [\[paper accepted\]](#)

**Research Assistant [R, MATLAB, LaTeX]** **Jan 2017 — May 2018**  
Rochester Institute of Technology NY, US

- Project 1: Explore automatic improvisation detection & genre identification of music via text mining and ML [\[paper submitted\]](#)
- Project 2: Create and implement a family of predictably optimal robust ensemble of echo state networks [\[paper published\]](#)

## SELECTED COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

**Graduate Level:** High Dimensional Data Analysis, Generalized Linear Models, Data Mining, Semiparametric Inference, Bayesian Inference, Survival Analysis, Design of Experiments, Genomic Data Science, Analysis of Longitudinal Data, Statistical Software (R & SAS), Stochastic Processes, Numerical Analysis, Modeling Neural Responses to Natural Stimuli (NLP, Vision, Audition)

**Certifications:** Neural Networks and Deep Learning (*Coursera*), Machine Learning (*Coursera*)

## AWARDS & HONORS

**Awards** Gold Medal for Data Analytics Competition in UP-STAT Conference 2021 [\[link\]](#); Best Student Presentation Award in ASA TAIG JSM Conference 2021 [\[link\]](#); Gold Medal for Best Student Research Award in UP-STAT 2019; ASA NC chapter & AISC Young Researcher Award 2018 [\[link\]](#); Gold Medal for Best Student Research Award in UP-STAT 2018; Young Scientific Leader Award in UP-STAT 2017-2018

**Funds** William Jackson Hall Graduate Student Fellowship (awarded annually to one PhD student for academic excellence) [\[link\]](#)  
UR Dean's Ph.D. Fellowship in University of Rochester  
RIT Merit Scholarship for Master Study

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Published or Accepted:

- 2023** LeBlanc, P., Banks, D., Fu, L., Li, M., Tang, Z., **Wu, Q.** (2023). Recommender Systems: A Review. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* (2023): 1-21. doi: 10.1080/01621459.2023.2279695
- 2023** Panisch, L., Murphy, H., **Wu, Q.**, et al. (2023). Adverse childhood experiences predict diurnal cortisol throughout gestation. *Psychosomatic Medicine*. 85(6), 507-516.
- 2022** **Wu, Q.**, Bessac, J., Huang W., Wang, J (2022). A conditional approach for joint estimation of wind speed and direction under future climates. *Advances in Statistical Climatology, Meteorology and Oceanography* 8.2: 205-224.
- 2022** Murphy, H., Gu, Y., **Wu, Q.**, et al. Prenatal Diurnal Cortisol: Normative Patterns and Associations with Affective Symptoms and Stress. *Psychoneuroendocrinology* (2022): 105856.
- 2021** Frigau, L., **Wu, Q.** (2021)., Banks, D. Optimizing the JSM Program. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* (2021): 1-21. doi: 10.1080/01621459.2021.1978466
- 2018** **Wu, Q.**, Fokoue, E., Kudithipudi, D. (2018). An Ensemble Learning Approach to the Predictive Stability of Echo State Networks. *Journal Of Informatics And Mathematical Sciences*, 10(1 & 2), 181 - 199. doi: 10.26713/jims.v10i1-2.827
- 2018** **Wu, Q.** (2018). Statistical Aspects of Music Mining: Naive Dictionary Representation. *Thesis*. RIT Scholar Works. Accessed from <https://scholarworks.rit.edu/theses/9932>

### Under Review or Archived:

- 2022** Murphy, H., et al. (2022). Examining the bidirectional relationship between cortisol and gestational weight gain across pregnancy (submitted to International Journal of Obesity)
- 2018** **Wu, Q.**, Fokoue, E. (2018). Naive Dictionary On Musical Corpora: From Knowledge Representation To Pattern Recognition. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1811.12802*

## INVITED TALKS & SEMINAR

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### Invited Talks:

- 2023.03** “A conditional approach for joint estimation of wind speed and direction under future climates” presented in SIAM South-eastern Atlantic Section Conference at Blacksburg, US
- 2021.09** “Minimizing Conflicts of Interest: Optimizing the JSM Program” presented in Italian Statistical Society Classification and Data Analysis Group Conference at Florence, Italy
- 2021.02** “Text Mining and Music Mining” presented in Data Science Washington Statistical Society at DC, US [\[video link\]](#)
- 2018.10** “Machine Learning for Music Mining with LDA Model” presented in International Conference on Advances in Interdisciplinary Statistics and Combinatorics at Greensboro, US

### Seminar:

- 2022.05** “Partial Differential Equation & Kernel Smoothing Modeling In Image Analysis” presented in UR Biostatistics Department Annual Student Workshop at Rochester, US
- 2018.10** “Data Fusion for Music Mining” presented in SAMSI Model Uncertainty Program Data Fusion Working Group at Durham, US
- 2018.02** “Topic Modeling with LDA Tutorial” presented in Graduate Seminar in Rochester Institute of Technology at Rochester, US

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM

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- **Session Chair**, “Approaches in Clustering for Analysis of Emerging Data Types”, JSM, 2022
- **Committee Member**, ICSA 2020 Applied Statistics Symposium Photo Contest, 2021
- **Officer & Student Representative**, ASA Section on Text Analysis (previously Text Analysis Interest Group), 2020 - Present
- **Event Editor**, International Astrostatistic Association, 2018 - Present
- **Committee Member**, ICSA 2020 Applied Statistics Symposium Talent Show, 2020
- **Session Chair**, 8th Annual Conference of the Upstate New York Chapters of ASA, 2019
- **Journal Reviewer**, IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics: Systems, 2019
- **Session Organizer**, Chair Session “Application of Text Mining”, UpStat Conference, 2018
- **Judge** for Pre-College Statistical Data Analysis Competition, UpStat Conference, 2018
- **Judge** for Undergraduate Data Competition, ASA DataFest, 2018
- **Mentor** for Data Competition, ASA DataFest, 2017 - 2018
- **Session Organizer**, Chair Session “Environment and Health”, UpStat Conference, 2017
- **Technical Translator**, Deep Learning for NLP at Oxford with Deep Mind, Big Data Digest, 2017
- **Volunteer** for Imagine RIT: Innovation + Creativity Festival, Imagine RIT, 2017
- **Peer Mentor**, CET Academic Programs, 2015 (Honored with Best Mentor via election)